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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Environment and Natural Resources Committee Minutes Thursday, October 4, 2018

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Lake County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** Lynn Boerman (via phone) – IDNR, Keary Cragan – U.S. EPA, Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Tom Rickert– Kane County, David Leopold – CityTech, Deb Stone – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Mike Prusilla (for Mike Warner) – Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Joe Schuessler – MWRD, Mike Sullivan – IDOT, Sean Wiedel – Chicago Department of Transportation

**Members Absent:** Ed Collins – McHenry County Conservation District, Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Danielle Gallet – Metropolitan Planning Council, Stacy Meyers – Openlands, Kim Wasserman-Nieto – Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, Moira Zellner – University of Illinois-Chicago

**Staff Present:** Brian Daly, Jason Navota, Sarah Buchhorn

**Others Present:** Margaret Schneemann – Illinois/Indiana Sea Grant

### 1.0 Call to Order

Jack Darin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

- CMAP's Planning and Programming Committees both recommended the draft ON TO 2050 Regional Comprehensive Plan to the CMAP Board for adoption. The CMAP Board will consider adoption next Wednesday, October 10.
- ON TO 2050 Launch Event following board adoption in Millennium Park
- LTA call for projects closes October 26.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 13 meeting was made Joe Schuessler, seconded by Keary Cragan. The motion carried with all in favor.

#### 4.0 ON TO 2050 Regional Water Demand Forecast – Nora Beck, CMAP and Margaret Schneemann, IISG

With support from IDNR, CMAP and Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant have updated the regional water demand forecast for the 7 counties of northeastern Illinois using the ON TO 2050 socioeconomic forecast. The update builds on the last regional water demand forecast, included in the Water 2050 plan, and will provide a municipal-scale forecast. Using a [presentation](#), Nora and Margaret provided a brief summary of the methodology, the results, and potential applications going forward. Committee members asked a number of clarifying questions and had the following comments:

- **Alternative sources of water.** The forecast assumes that communities and users continue to use the water sources they are currently using; it does not attempt to predict which communities could switch and when.
- **Water reuse.** The forecast assumes conservation trends will continue into the future under existing legislation; it does not assume changes in the Illinois plumbing code and increasing water reuse practices.
- **Price.** The relationship between price and water use is inelastic, but there is a positive relationship – increases in price can shift water use down but only slightly.

#### 5.0 Chicago Wilderness – Debbie Moskovitz and Laurel Ross, Field Museum; Jason Navota, CMAP

Chicago Wilderness is seeking input from committee members and other stakeholder groups to inform its vision for the foreseeable future of the coalition. CW Members engaged committee members in a discussion about how CW can best advance the region's goals for biodiversity, green infrastructure, nature, and people. Using a [presentation](#), Debbie, Laurel, and Jason provided an overview and asked for committee feedback on the draft indicator. Committee members asked a number of clarifying questions and had the following comments:

- **Vision.** Question about whether the name and the vision still go together; however recognize that the name Chicago Wilderness is powerful and has been established.
- **Connect to what others care about.** City of Chicago Greencorps is a great example of connecting people and nature through workforce development.
- **Determine main function of the organization.** One committee member made the recommendation to first distill what the function of the organization is – does it provide education and outreach, is it a convener, etc. Then identify what are the friction points for implementing the vision of the full GIV map and then start to match that up with the capabilities of the collaborative.
- **Provide data on value.** One committee member noted that highlighting the value of nature-based investments is an important communication tool that others in the organization can use. Develop a walkscore that helps people identify these assets and call for more. Example of work in Cleveland which reviewed the potential for vacant land to perform different enviro related functions (solar fields, rain gardens).
- **What value does the CW have?** One committee member stated that the CW has helped build public demand for the things we advocate for. Developing a consistent message among partners can help clarify and broadcast the issues to the general

- public. Example was given of similar collaboration on messaging among recycling industry. Developing templates to give people the tools to implement best practices.
- **Quality of natural areas.** Has the big green map miscommunicated the issues still facing our preserved areas?

**6.0 Other Business.**

None.

**7.0 Public Comment**

None.

**8.0 Next Meeting**

The next ENR Committee is scheduled for November 1, 2018 at 9:30 am in the Lake County conference room.

**9.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nora Beck  
October 5, 2018